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The Honorable Michael J. Dunleavy
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Dear Governor Dunleavy,

We are writing to express our continued support of paying Alaskans their 2019 Permanent Fund Dividends according to the full statutory formula. As you are aware, the legislature has passed House Bill 2001. This bill provided full funding for dividends to be paid according to the statutory formula when it came to the Senate floor. However, the version that eventually passed included a funding level that had been reduced by almost half.

The amount of each year's dividend is set in statute by a formula that has been in place and remained the same since the distribution of the very first dividends. Alaskans are fully justified in expecting their dividends to be distributed based on this traditional formula. Similarly, they are justified in feeling angry and shortchanged by the legislature's unilateral decision to not pay the full amount owed to Alaskans.

As the broad coalition of authors of this letter demonstrates, following the statute for the transfer of the Permanent Fund Dividend is not a partisan issue. Therefore, in an effort to keep faith with our fellow Alaskans, we the members of the Senate and the House are committed to working with all parties in pursuit of a full statutory Permanent Fund Dividend.

Respectfully submitted,

Gov. Michael J. Dunleavy

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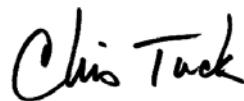
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